

Compassionate life

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Helping Orphans and Widows in Swaziland, Africa

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: **to look after orphans and widows in their distress** and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27 (NIV)



Partnering With God's People To:

Strengthen families in order for them to protect and care for orphans and vulnerable children... Helping families help themselves.

Mobilize and support community based responses to provide both immediate & long term assistance to vulnerable households.

Ensure access for orphans and vulnerable children to essential services, including education, health care, birth registration and others.

Help protect the most vulnerable children by channeling resources to impoverished communities.

Raise awareness at all levels through advocacy and social mobilization to create a supportive environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

“Jesus said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”
Mark 10:14

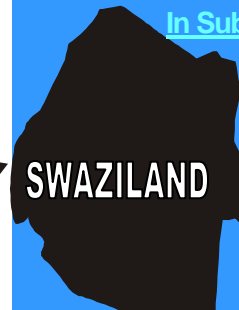


Swaziland, Africa

- Has the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the world.
- The population has declined to just under 1 million people
- Over half of the general population is HIV positive. Children in Swaziland are being orphaned at an alarming rate: 10% of all Swaziland households are being run by children.
- 80% of all pregnant women giving birth in the hospital are HIV positive.
- In Swaziland if you are 15 years old you have a 6% chance of living to be 29 years old.

In Sub-Sahara Africa:

Over 15 million children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. Over 26 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.



God is calling us for such a time as this. Will you join us?

More About Swaziland and the Need for Support

The smallest country in the Southern Hemisphere, Swaziland is a landlocked, independent kingdom about the size of New Jersey.

It's bordered on three sides by the Republic of South Africa, with a 70 mile eastern border with Mozambique, and is about 40 miles from the Indian Ocean.

The climate varies from tropical to near temperate. Drought is a major problem. The terrain is mostly mountains and hills; some moderately sloping plains. A good portion of the land is covered in rocks, boulders and tall green grass.

Farming is a way of life for the Swazi people. Most families grow maize as their main food source. Cattle, goats, and chickens are an important part of every homestead.

The unemployment rate in Swaziland has reached an all time high of 50%, with many people struggling to find employment.

The Swazi people eat **one or two meals per day**, usually consisting of porridge for breakfast and maize and beans for dinner.

Life for the Swazi people consists of a constant struggle to have enough food. The need for cash to buy clothing, pay for school fees, required uniforms and personal needs is always an issue.

Paying for an education is one of the biggest challenges Swazi families face. Students must pay to attend school and the price of sending a child to school has doubled. Many families must choose between sending their children to school and feeding their families.

Most people in the rural areas of Swaziland live in houses made of mud, rock and stick with thatched roofs. People near the cities live in houses made of brick and cement with roofs made of corrugated metal.

Most rural villages have small trading stores. Larger clothing and grocery



stores can be found in the cities. **Water is carried from streams or springs, sometimes a great distance.** Some have access to running water. Electricity is available in many villages but most people live without because they cannot afford it.

Most Swazi people speak English and classes are generally taught in English. Siswati is the official language.

The majority of families in third world countries live on **less than \$1 a day**; the average daily income in the United States is over **\$88 a day**. If each person gave as little as \$0.50 cents / day, **poverty could be eliminated.**

Compassionate Life Foundation (CLF) is a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, non-denominational organization, seeking to be God's "hands and feet" by showing love and compassion to the poor and needy people of the world. Donations are tax-deductible.

CLF was birthed in 2004 when God opened our eyes to the needs of His people and our hearts were moved into action. In addition to God showing us the faces of those dying of AIDS and the beautiful children left behind, He has shown us the faces of poverty and despair left in its wake.

We have a burden, with a special focus on caring for Orphans and Widows. We partner with those to whom God directs us, who are already on the front lines fighting the war on poverty, disease, & spiritual emptiness.

Partnership With El Shaddai Children's Home and School

Compassionate Life Foundation partners with the El Shaddai Children's Home and School in Swaziland.

At the El Shaddai Children's Home, **over 50 orphaned and vulnerable children** (OVCs) find a safe, stable, and a caring place to live.

Recognized by the Swazi government as one of the kingdom's most effective children's homes, El Shaddai is frequently asked to take in additional children, but their capacity has been reached. Currently, El Shaddai is looking at developing a second location to meet the kingdom's growing need.

El Shaddai also operates Swaziland's **only free** primary school (K-8). Over 240 children receive a free education. For most, this is the **only** way they will get an education; for many, the meals they get at the school are the only meals they get each day. Many walk miles to attend. While the government has recently agreed to provide teachers for the school, El Shaddai is required to build 5 teacher housing units.

The needs are great. Teacher housing, classrooms, ongoing operational costs for the school and children's home, and an additional location all require funding.



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